



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

BONFIRES OR RUBBISH FIRES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Article 1, section 105 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states... a permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to engaging in the following: ... to kindle, maintain or authorize the kindling or maintenance of bonfires or rubbish fires. See Section 1102 and Regulation 4. Additional requirements may be applicable.

Fires shall be discontinued immediately if the Chief determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, or if the burning is determined by the Chief to constitute a hazardous condition.

RECREATIONAL FIRE A recreational fire is the burning of materials other than rubbish where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or pit and with a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, cooking or similar purposes.

A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing systems shall be readily available for use at bonfires. Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a minimum 4A rating fire extinguisher shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

No rubbish shall be burned.

Fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

A person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment required to extinguish the fire shall constantly attend fires. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

BONFIRE A bonfire is the open burning of trees, vegetation or lumber.

Total fuel area shall be 15 feet or less in diameter and 8 feet or less in height.

Pit type fires shall not be allowed.

Class I flammables shall not be used as fire starters.

Rubbish, tar paper, rubber, oil, etc. shall not be used as fuel.

No burning shall be permitted if windy conditions exist.

Bonfires shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or other combustible material.

A minimum distance of 100 feet shall be maintained between spectators and the bonfire.

Adequate barricades shall be provided and shall surround the bonfire to protect the spectators from injury by flying brands or direct contact with the fire.

The fire shall be extinguished with water immediately after it has burned down.

Prior to commencement of burning, the Fire Department shall be notified. When required, a permit shall be obtained from the South Coast Air Quality Management district prior to issuance of Fire Department permit.

Additional

Requirements

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